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TAGS: OEXC, NI (HOWARD, DR. CLEVELAND L.)
SUBJ: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: VISIT OF DR. CLEVELAND
L. HOWARD, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC, UNIVERSITY OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE

REF: (A) STATE 4158: (B) HARDY - PETERS LTR. OCT. 6:
(C) PETERS - HARDY LTR. DEC 10

(1) DUE PERENNIAL EXTREME HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS SHORTAGE
LAGOS, WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN RESERVATIONS NEAR AIRPORT NIGHT
JANUARY 23 ONLY. DUE COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES, UNABLE
CONTACT ANY HOTELS TODAY, BUT WISH ADVISE WE BELIEVE
RESERVATIONS FIRST OR SECOND CLASS HOTEL UNLIKELY, AS MOST
ARE BOOKED AT LEAST SIX WEEKS IN ADVANCE. SINCE WE ASSUME
HOWARD STILL, PLANS REMAIN NIGERIA THROUGH MARCH 76 AS
STATED REF B, WE WISH HOWARD BE APPRISED THAT HOTEL ACCOM-
MODATIONS IN OTHER CITIES JUST AS DIFFICULT OBTAIN AS IN LAGOS.
SEVERAL LAGOS HOTELS NORMALLY REQUIRE DOLS 75 PER DAY EXPECTED
STAY IN ADVANCE PRIOR TO BOOKING RESERVATION, IF THEY HAVE
SPACE. WILL ADVISE RESULTS OUR EFFORTS ASAP.

(2) POST WILL DISCUSS POSSIBILITY SPONSORING HOWARD LECTURES
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FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL.

(3) FYI - OGUNADE INFORMED EMBOFF FRIEND EARLIER THIS WEEK NOTHING YET SET UP SINCE HOWARD'S NOV. 19 LETTER RECEIVED ONLY SHORT TIME AGO FOLLOWING OGUNADE'S RETURN LAGOS FROM EXTENSIVE TRAVELS. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF REF (A) CONFIRMING HOWARD ARRIVAL, WILL CONTACT OGUNADE AGAIN AND ADVISE HIS SUGGESTIONS/PROGRAM PLANS/COMMITMENTS, OF ANY, WHICH NOT LIKELY INCLUDE HOTELS UNLESS HOWARD OFFICIALLY INVITED BY MINISTRY INFORMATION.

(4) WE HOPE HOWARD HAS SEVERAL OTHER CONTACTS/FRIENDS IN LAGOS/NIGERIA AS DUE HEAVY JANWM A FEB PROGRAM COMMITMENTS. POST CAN PROVIDE ONLY LIMITED FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE WHICH DOES NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE OBTAINING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS THIS LATE DATE, OR TRANSPORTATION, AND SINCE HOWARD'S WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING HIM, WISH RE-EMPHASIZE REF (C) COMMENTS, THAT ACCOMMODATIONS, (IF AVAILABLE AT ALL), FOOD, TRANSPORT, MISC. COSTS WILL MOUNT UP VERY RAPIDLY.

(5) DO NOT WISH APPEAR UNDULY NEGATIVE, BUT AGAIN WANT HOWARD HAVE REALISTIC APPRAISAL LOCAL SITUATION PRIOR HIS AND FAMILY'S ARRIVAL .

(6) HAVE REPEATED REFTEL (A) BRANCH POSTS IN CASE HOWARD PLANNING TRAVEL OUTSIDE LAGOS.
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